Payment of compensation

426. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure Limited (RGTIL) has been allowed to lay gas pipeline by digging and passing through Non- agricultural Industrial Zone adversely affecting hundreds of Small Industrial Plot Holders in village Gothan, Surat;

(b) what is Government record value rate per square metre of this land and the rate and quantum paid by RGTIL separately to each affected plot holder;

(c) whether any compensation has been paid either by Government or RGTIL by now and what other alternative relief Government or RGTIL propose to provide; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) M/s Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure Limited (RGTIL) has been allowed to lay gas pipeline strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipeline (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962.

(b) to (d) The value of land on the basis of Government record was Rs. 380/sq metres on the date of notification under Section 3(1) of the Act. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the compensation for acquisition of RoU is payable @ 10% of the market value prevailing on the date of notification under Sec 3(1) of the Act.

The matter is sub-judice. However, in compliance with the interim order dated 11.7.2008 of the Hon'ble Gujarat High Court, RGTIL has deposited the compensation @ Rs.300/sq metres, *i.e.* Rs.32,29,800 to the Competent Authority by 17.7.2008. Further, action in the matter would be taken in accordance with the provisions of the Act and any orders passed by the Court in this regard.

Complaints of petrol pump dealers

427. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the complaints of the petrol pump dealers across the country that they have been forced to sell premium branded fuels as the supply of normal fuels are reduced; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they are not forcing their Retail Outlet Dealers to sell the premium fuels. OMCs are supplying regular and premium brands of petrol and diesel to the Retail Outlet Dealers as per their indents.

(b) Does not arise.